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Applicant has sent in an IDS (PTO-1449) that was received in the PTO mailroom on on 5 March 2008. Applicant claims that this IDS is proper because it was submitted "...more than three months after the filing date, but before the first office action on the merits...". However, PTO records show that applicant received his first action on the merits (an action noting a deficient claim for priority) on 28 January 2008 -- almost two (2) months prior. Furthermore, the application was filed more than six (6) years ago, making this delay in filing an IDS seemingly unexplainable. Therefore the IDS filed 5 March 2008 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609. The PTO-1449 has been placed in the application file, but the information noted thereon has not been considered.

However, the PTO-1449 filed on 1 June 2001 is proper and has been considered.

All the pending claims (i.e., claims 25-41) are allowable. Prosecution has been closed. This application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on 20 March 2008 for a possible interference proceeding.

Attachments: 3 pages of initialed, signed and dated PTO/SB/08A/Bs filed 6/7/01
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